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1. FOR JERUSALEM AND USUN: PLEASE TRY TO DETERMINE WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES THE UN INTENDS TO GIVE THE FOUR SOVIET CONFIDENTIAL

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UNMOS WHO ARE TO BE ASSIGNED TO UNIFIL, PARTICULARLY THE TWO DESIGNATED FOR TYRE AREA. IF YOU ARE TOLD THAT SOVIETS WILL NEGOTIATE WITH PLO -- OR IF THERE APPEARS A CHANCE THIS WILL BE THE CASE -- YOU SHOULD STATE THAT US WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE, SINCE IT WOULD PATENTLY VIOLATE PRINCIPAL UN PEACEKEEPING CRITERION OF OBJECTIVITY.

- 2. FOR BEIRUT: APPRECIATE MULTIPLE CHOICE ON SOVIET UNMOS. YOU ARE RIGHT THAT WE HAVE BEEN OF TWO MINDS ABOUT THEM; HOWEVER, DECISION IS SIMPLER NOW THAT IT APPEARS SOVIET DECISION ON EE UNSFIL PARTICIPATION(WHICH WE HAD MUCH HOPED FOR BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS) WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY OUR POSITION ON UNMOS. ACCORDINGLY, WE CHECK POINT C IN BEIRUT REFTEL, WITH COROLLARY THAT WE WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO ASSIGN SOVIETS LIAISON ROLE WITH PLO.
- 3. ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, WE PRESUME BEIRUT STILL THINKS WE SHOULD PRESS UN TO APPOINT AN INTERIM POLITICAL LIAISON OFFICER IN BEIRUT (PERHAPS SOMEONE LIKE JONAH OR PRIETO) OR DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE COORDINATION PROBLEM LIKELY TO WORK ITSELF OUT WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFIL BEIRUT LIAISON OFFICE?

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